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Business Cards.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW,
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Is duly authorized to practice in the UNITED STATES COURTS.
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NORTHWESTERN HOTEL.
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Importers and Wholesale Dealers in German, English and French Fancy Goods, Hosiery and Notions, between Howard and Liberty Streets, Baltimore.
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UNION FOUNDRY & MACHINE WORKS.
ESTABLISHED IN 1838.
W. W. Miller & Co., Manufacturers of Pumps, Hollow-ware, Steam Engines, Boilers and Mill Castings. Office and Works Market St., Cor. South, Wheeling, W. Va. dec23-ly

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Practices in the Courts of the United States, and will give special attention to cases in bankruptcy. jyl2-ly

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Office on Centre street, two doors above the National Exchange Bank, where he may be found until professionally engaged.
Surgical cases will be attended to at his office or the residence of the patient as may be desired. jyl2-ly

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DEALERS IN
Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Brushes, Artists' Materials, French, German and American Window Glass, Sash, Doors, Frames, Shutters, and agents for French Plate Glass, No. 168 Market St., below McLure House, Wheeling, W. Va. dec22-ly

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First door above the Bank, Weston West Va. apr27-64

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Importers of Queensware and Manufacturers of Flint Glass, 115 Main & 49 Water street. We manufacture a superior article of Carbon Oil Lamps and Lamp Chimneys. dec22-ly

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We have on hand and are constantly receiving and manufacturing every description of Millinery goods, &c. At very low prices. We also keep a general assortment of notions: Hosiery, thread, linings, dress trimmings, &c. Also fancy and useful articles for gentlemen. Remember at very small profits. Mrs. E. J. COX. oct19-ly

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The citizens of Lewis and adjoining counties are respectfully informed that I am now prepared to supply them with all kinds of Leather, both Upper and Sole, on reasonable terms. I have the most experienced Tanner in the country, and will try to make such stock as will suit my customers. Headcalfs or Eastern tanned sole, Calf and Kipskins, harness and side leather all ways on hand. All tanned on the old plan. No short or patent process used here. The highest price paid in cash or leather for green or dry hides, at the old Loretto Tannery. Terms strictly cash. Please call and see me.
Weston, W. Va.
aug24-ly G. J. BITCHER.

NEW JOB TYPE.
This Office is now supplied with an excellent assortment of Job Type, and we are prepared to execute orders for Job Work with dispatch and on the most reasonable terms.

TIME TABLE.

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MAIL TRAIN WEST.
Will leave Clarksburg at 2 P. M. arriving at Clarksburg at 3.00, and Parkersburg at 7.20 P. M.
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For further particulars apply to W. H. Freeman at the Clarksburg depot.
JOHN L. WILSON,
Master of Transportation.
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Select Poetry

OUR CHILDHOOD.

BY GEORGE D. PRENTICE.

'Tis sad, yet sweet to listen
To the soft wind's music swell,
And think we hear the music
Our childhood knew so well;
To gaze out on the even,
And feel again our boyhood's wish
To roam like angels there.

There are many dreams of gladness,
That cling around the past—
And from the tomb of feeling
Old thoughts come thronging fast;
The scene we loved so dearly
In the happy days now gone,
The beautiful and lovely,
So fair to look upon.

Those bright and gentle maidens
Who seemed so formed for bliss,
Too glorious and too heavenly,
For such a world as this;
Whose dark, soft eyes seemed swimming
In a sea of liquid light,
And whose locks of gold were streaming
O'er brows so sunny bright.

Whose smiles were like the sunshine
In the Spring time of the year—
Like the changeful gleams of April,
They followed every tear!
They have passed—like hopes—away,
And their loveliness has fled;
Oh, many a heart is mourning
That they are with the dead.

Like the bright buds of Summer,
They have fallen with the stem;
Yet, oh it is a lovely death
To fade away like them.

And yet the thought is saddening
To muse on such as they,
And feel that all the beautiful,
Are passing fast away!
That the fair ones whom we love
Grow to each loving breast
Like the tendrils of the clinging vine,
They perish where they rest.

And we can but think of these,
In the soft and gentle Spring,
When the trees are waving 'neath us,
And the flowers are blossoming;
And we know that Winter's coming,
With the cold and stormy sky,
And the glorious beauty round us
Is budding but to die!

Fact and Fancy.

On a strike—The lightning.
The ties of travel—Railway ties.
Household words—Domestic quarrels.
A noisy canvass—Bellowing sails.
An uncertain institution—A fog bank.
Porcelain agricultural implement—Westward, ho!
An aching void—The socket from which a tooth has just been drawn.
Kilpatrick don't care to fight Forrest, for fear Forrest will kill Patrick.
Dentists are favored with more open countenances than any other class.
Arithmetic in wax work—reducing Washington and Napoleon into figures.
It does not follow that a man dislikes his bed because he turns his back upon it.
A question for the horse guards—what is the use of a seat of war for a standing army?
Surely that man may be envied who can eat pork chops for supper and sleep without a grunt.
The most direct method of determining horse power—stand behind and tickle his legs with a briar.
A great poet says "the mountains stand fixed forever." We know however, that it is no uncommon thing for them to slope!
A Mississippi paper says that the crops that have not tilled this season are pumpkins and baby bibles.
A writer in a New York paper says: "If Plymouth Rock had landed on the Pilgrim Fathers it would have accomplished something worth talking about."
"Isn't your bill awful steep?" inquired a specu' thirft of his tailor "You ought to know best, for it was run up by you," was the cool reply.
At a recent dinner of shoemakers, the following toast was given: "may we have all the women in the country to shoe—and all the men to boot."
An article announcing the decease of a person says: "His remains were committed to that bourne whence no traveller returns attended by his friends."
An incorrigible wag who lent a minister a horse, which ran away and threw his clerical rider, thought he should have some credit for aiding in "spreading" the gospel.
A boozey fellow was observed the other day driving a hog which he had by the tail, and on being asked what he was doing, he replied that he was studying Geography.

Singular and Plural—If a pair of stockings are hose, is a single stocking a hoe? If a pair of glasses are spectacles, is one a spectacle? And if so, is it not a bad show for a sight?
Jones was or believed he was near his death, and the doctor calling, he had a long consultation with him about his chances of life. "Why, man," said the doctor, "you are likely to die any hour. You have been living for fifteen years without a constitution—lungs gone, liver diseased, and all that sort of thing." "You don't mean to say," said Jones, questioning, "that a man can live for fifteen years without a constitution?" "Yes I do," retorted the doctor, "and you are an example." "Then, doctor," and a bright smile illumined the pallid face of the doomed man, "then, doctor, I'll go it ten years more on the by-laws,"—and he did.

General News.

Typhoid fever is raging in Minnesota. A Staten Island factory turns out a ton of chewing gum daily.

Rossini, the celebrated musical composer, is dead.

One man in Illinois owns 25,000 acres in corn.

Corn sells in Denton, Texas, for ten cents a bushel.

Steuersville, Ohio, elects its postmaster by ballot.

San Francisco is trying to invent earthquake proof houses.

Sixty July first the internal revenue receipts have reached fifty-two and one-third millions.

The superintendent of public printing has disbursed, during the last fiscal year, \$1,272,630.

The President has appointed John Savage, the Fenian Head Centre, Consul at Leeds, England.

A nugget of gold weighing two hundred and ninety pennyweights was found in White county, Georgia, recently.

The divorcees in Vermont for five years have numbered one to every twenty marriages.

About one million of postage stamps, of various denominations, are daily used in the United States.

Three millions of pieces, worth nearly half a million of dollars, were coined at the Philadelphia mint last week.

It is said that ex Secretary Stanton is a prominent candidate for United States Senator from Pennsylvania.

The officers of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad have elected General H. C. Wickham president.

Three thousand mechanics and laborers are idle in the city of Louisville alone.

France has given to the Roman government twenty thousand muskets, of which six thousand are Chassepots.

Minnesota pays \$10 a piece for wolf scalps, and in the past year has expended \$10,000 in such purchases.

More wheat has been planted in Warren county, Tenn., this fall, than for many years.

At the recent election of officers of the Virginia and Tennessee railroad, General William Mahone was unanimously re-elected President.

Coal of a good quality has been found at Beaver River City (Gilmur) beyond the "end of the track" of the Union Pacific Railroad.

\$2,500,000 tax was paid on tobacco manufactured and shipped from Richmond during the nine months ending on the 1st ult.

Nothing remains of Fort Scott but a ruined mass of brick and mortar. The loss to the Government will be about \$220,000.

Within two months there have been shipped from Lexington, Ky., 30,000 barrels of corn to the distilleries of Bourbon and Harrison counties.

The Sheriff whose duty it was to hang Harris, the Auburn, Me., murderer, on the 4th inst., has mysteriously disappeared, and it is doubtful whether the warrant can be executed.

It is estimated that the exports from Charleston, S. C., this year, will be about \$27,000,000, or forty per cent. more than the total exports of the city of Baltimore.

The first skating accident of the season comes from St. Joseph, Mo., where, on the 26th ult., eleven persons broke through the ice into the river, but escaped with a wetting.

The Union Pacific road conveys passengers 1,430 miles from Chicago. "Only ten days to California," is advertised by the company in connection with the Wells-Fargo express.

The King of Sweden has announced that hereafter no capital execution shall take place in his kingdom, and if the death penalty be not abolished by law, it shall not be enforced by him.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed that the force of the New Orleans Custom House be reduced, and orders were, on Wednesday, sent to the Collector to discharge 120 clerks, inspectors and laborers.

General Prim, the hero of the Spanish revolution, furnishes another illustration of greatness arising from obscurity. Upon the beginning of his career he was third fute in the orchestra of the theatre in the little town of Reus, and afterwards accepted the position of groom to the Swedish Countess Barek.

Ten years ago, a man named Jacques Constant murdered, from jealousy, a young and beautiful Italian girl in New Orleans. He was convicted of the crime, but escaped punishment by some legal quibble, only to become insane shortly after. Last week he died, driven to death by the phantom of a fleshless skeleton which he imagined always by his side, seated on the pillow.

We learn that Dr. Arthur E. Petticoles, Superintendent of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, at Williamsburg, Virginia, committed suicide there by leaping from a window of the Asylum, and dashing his brains out on the bricks below. The deceased was a distinguished physician, and a former professor of the medical college in Richmond. His mind has been very much unsettled for some time past.

Political Chit-Chat.

The Chicago radicals are out for female suffrage.

The expenditures of the Patent Office during the past year exceeded the receipts by \$171.

The President of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, J. E. Thompson, is named as a radical candidate for United States Senator from that State.

Committees have been appointed in the various departments to urge Congress to pass a bill allowing clerks twenty per cent. extra pay.

Sherman thinks Morton is crazy on finance, and Morton knows Sherman. Both of them are near the radical throne.

Jay Gould was probably made receiver of the Erie railway on the great legal principle that the receiver is as bad as the thief.

All the Congressmen elect from Indiana, including Julian and Voorhees, have received their certificates of election.

It is rumored that Horace Maynard wants to be Speaker of the House, if he cannot get the position of Postmaster General.

Among others, General George W. Cass, of Pittsburg, has been named in various quarters as the next Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania.

The thirteenth section of the constitution of Liberia is as follows: "None but persons of color shall be admitted to citizenship."

Kansas rejected female suffrage at the late election, and adopted negro suffrage. That is the true radical idea, according to Senator Wilson—settling the "more important" question first.

Two niggers are on the Grand Jury of the United States Circuit Court now in session at Richmond, and another squad of six on the list of Petit Jurors. Happy Tuckaboos!

The returns of the New York City election, held December 1, give A. Oakley Hall, for Mayor, 54,000 majority, the total vote standing—Hall, Democrat, 75,000; Conkling, radical, 21,000.

It is said that a large number of carpet-baggers have left New Orleans in disgust. They ought to be received with disgust by a decent people on their return.

General O'Neill was unanimously elected President of the Fenian Brotherhood at their Congress in Philadelphia on Saturday. The delegates pledged their entire support to the plans submitted by him.

A New York paper says that the terms of surrender offered to General Johnson by General Sherman, and for which General Sherman was so ruthlessly assailed, were dictated by President Lincoln with the concurrence of General Grant!

The radicals in Congress are expecting to pass a suffrage act of two sections, at its next meeting, as follows: Section 1. None but loil men can vote. Section 2. Loilly consists in voting the radical ticket.

A contemporary notices, as a grave omission in the new American edition of Hoyle, that it contains no mention of the "little games" by which radicalism contrives to steal about two hundred and fifty millions a year, in addition to the legitimate expenses of the Government.

The indictments for "treason" and "conspiracy" in the Federal Court at Nashville against many prominent rebels, were dismissed a few days ago on the plea of amnesty. In the long list of names we see those of Generals Polk, Morgan, Bragg, Forrest, Buckner, Breckinridge, Hardee, etc.

General Grant owns a \$60,000 house at Washington, and a farm of 38 acres, worth \$2000 per acre, within the city limits. His real estate in St. Louis, Galena and Philadelphia is worth \$100,000 more, and \$300,000 is said to be a fair estimate of his "total valuation." He is also interested in business through other parties, and altogether is in a fair way to have a comfortable living without the proposed increase of salary.

Wonder how he made it.—[Eps. Dex.]

"Data." In his despatch to the Sun, says: The President is urged by influential parties to recommend to Congress the consolidation of three bureaus into one department—namely, the Agricultural, Educational and Statistical Bureaus. Some suggest that these shall be embraced in the Interior Department; others recommend that they shall constitute an additional department, to be represented by an additional cabinet officer. The latter proposition does not meet with much favor.

At a meeting held in Nashville a few days ago, speeches were made by a number of prominent Tennessee radicals. Secretary Fletcher and a few others came out squarely for impartial suffrage, and advocated the early enfranchisement of the rebels, while L. A. Hamilton and one or two others insisted on their perpetual disfranchisement. A dispatch to one of the Cincinnati papers says: The meeting has this significance: Hitherto the friends of white enfranchisement have been backward in publicly expressing their sentiments, but now, backed by the leading radical journals of the North, they are beginning to express their minds pretty freely. The movement will likely result in a split in the party in Tennessee, as the proscriptive faction are fierce and uncompromising in their hostility to extending the franchise.

Home Reading.

Large quantities of oranges are shipped from Tampa, Florida, by every steamer.

A person good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

Cultivate punctuality. It is a good thing to build a character upon.

Without duty, life is soft and boneless; it can no longer hold itself erect.

The more you draw from the well of truth, the clearer the water becomes.

Of all on earth to be loved and kindly cared for, the aged are first deserving.

It is dreadful easy work to repeat of other's sins—but not very profitable.

Snow cakes.—One pint of flour, one pint of milk, three eggs, a little salt and a piece of butter size of an egg. Bake in cups.

The amusement of reading is among the greatest consolations of life, it is the nurse of virtue, the upholder of adversity, the prop of independence, the supporter of just pride, the strengthener of elevated opinions; it is the shield against the tyranny of all petty passions, the repeller of the fool's scoff, and the knave's reason.

Self-control.—It is a great advantage to keep quiet, gracefully and naturally. Self-control is the best evidence of cultivated intellect and a clear conscience. It is a great pleasure to meet those who wisely listen and observe—who review what is said without prejudice, and with or without advice commit no errors.—Nothing is so difficult to do—nothing so rarely done.

The Short Days.—The shortest afternoon, or one of the twelve shortest, will be that of Wednesday (to-day). The sun will then set at 4:28, and the almanac records it at precisely that second for the succeeding twelve days, or until the 14th of December, when the afternoons begin to lengthen. But the mornings will be 24 minutes shorter, the sun rising at 7:06; on the 31st of December at 9:30, and will continue to rise at that time till January 8. The shortest day, from sun rise to sun set, occurs December 21.

He Knows the Rest.—A father came home from his business at early evening, and took his little girl upon his knee. After a few dove-like caresses, she crept to his bosom and fell asleep. He carried her himself to her chamber and said, "Nellie would not like to go to sleep without saying her prayers?" Half opening her large blue eyes, she dreamily articulated:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord—"

Then adding in a sweet murmur, "He knows the rest," she sank on her pillow, in his watchful care who "giveth his beloved sleep."

The ancient Germans and their Saxon descendants in England were remarkable for their hearty meals. Gluttony and drunkenness were so very common that those vices were not thought disgraceful. Tacitus represents the Germans as being as difficult to overcome by strong drink as by arms. Intemperance was so general and habitual that it was enacted that judges should hear and determine cases fasting, and not after dinner. Dr. Gilbert Stuart, in his "Historical Dissertation concerning the Antiquity of the British Constitution," observes that from this propensity of the older Britons to indulge excessively in eating and drinking, has proceeded the restriction upon jurors and jurymen to refrain from eating and drinking, and to be even held in custody until they have agreed upon their verdict.

The Editorial Treadmill.—It is one of the hardships of our profession, that its working wheels, brains and heart, are not allowed to lag for sickness, or to stop for calamity or sorrow. The Judge may adjourn his court, the school and workshop may veil their features, and turn friend and stranger from the door, but the journalist must forget before to-morrow the sorrow of to-day, must write gaily and freshly, as a news-monger, on the tribe of the hour, whatever burden has been laid upon the hour by providence, or his brains as a man. It sometimes tries and mocks, at the world who reads what is thus written, as we would never dream of. The public looks upon an editor's labors as the Indian did upon the man who was cutting hay. He finally gave in his opinion that it was "easy to see the white man mow."

How to Foretell the Weather.—We find an article in some of our exchanges giving directions how to foretell the weather. We do not know who the author is, as the article is not credited to any paper, and it has no signature. We copy the following:

"The sensibility of many animals and plants to the varying conditions of the atmosphere is so great that a careful study of their movements will often indicate with certainty approaching changes in the weather. When a storm is impending the spider shortens the threads of his web, and lengthens them out again when the storm is about to pass off; careful observers even pretend to foretell how long fine weather will last from the degree to which the web is extended. If the spider is quiet, it is a sign of rain, but when he goes to work during a shower, he sure it will soon clear off. The swallow is also an infallible barometer, flying low, almost touching the earth, and uttering a low, plaintive cry, before a rain, but sailing back and forth high in the air during settled weather; when a violent tempest is about to break out, he soars even to the clouds, and adopts a slow, majestic motion, very different from his ordinary one."

Ladies' Column.

Fanny Fern having said that "men of the present day are fast," Prentice replies that "they have to be, if they catch the women."

The high price of butter is attributed to the more extended use of the piano than the churn among farmers' daughters.

Old Brigham Young is looking about for a likely young man to marry his first installment of thirty-six daughters.

Queen Queen of Portugal is crazy, and occupies a padded room to keep her from breaking her royal head.

It is stated that there are now over three hundred graduates of female medical colleges in active practice in the United States, some of whom are in receipt of \$10,000 per annum from their profession.

It is reported that Prince Lou's of Hesse finds the temper of his wife too much for him, and will apply for a divorce. His spouse is the Princess Alice, Victoria's second daughter. She has lost the little beauty she had, and is exceedingly jealous.

At a marriage recently, near Boston, the ceremony was performed by two women. The promise to "obey" on the part of the wife was omitted. Such an antiquated virtue as obedience to a husband would not be tolerated by a bride so strong-minded as to prefer that a woman should officiate on such an occasion.

The young daughter of the Emperor of Russia, who will next year be Queen of Bavaria, is a slender young girl of medium height, with a very sweet and regular face, beautiful hands and feet, and long dark-brown ringlets. She and her betrothed, the young King of Bavaria, will be the handsomest royal couple on the continent.

A few days since a bill was introduced in the Tennessee Legislature for the benefit of Mrs. Granville Lindsay and others, which provides, first, that said Mrs. Lindsay shall receive seventy-five dollars annually, in consideration of recently giving birth to three children at one confinement; and, secondly, providing for like annuity to all other Tennessee women who shall in future be equally prolific. The bill was introduced in good faith, and is likely to pass.

Nicolas, the Emperor of Russia, won his bride in a singular way. During a visit to the King of Prussia, one day, while at dinner, the Emperor rolled up a ring in a piece of bread, and handing it to the Princess Royal, said to her, in a subdued voice, "If you will accept my hand, put this ring on your finger." This is the imperial way of "popping the question." She took no time to deliberate, but suffered her heart to speak at once, and their happy nuptials were soon consummated.

At one time a woman could hardly walk through the streets of San Francisco without having every one pause to gaze on her, and a child was so rare, that once in a theatre in the same city, where a woman had taken her infant, when it began to cry, just as the orchestra began to play, a man in the pit cried out: "stop those d—d fiddles and let the baby cry. I haven't heard such a sound for ten years." The audience applauded this sentiment, the orchestra stopped, and the baby continued its performance, amid unbounded enthusiasm.

A recent letter from Paris says: All dresses are now costumes. Velvet and satin colonnades and tunics are worn over Scotch plaid silk petticoats. Fringes and bows adorn in profusion the edges and sides of the skirts; satin in roulens and as wide as festoons, decorate silk gowns. For home wear the skirt is plain and plain, with a flounce a quarter of a yard deep on the bottom of the skirt, but it only reaches the breadth where the dress commences to form a train, which is very long, and without ornament. Satins are the richest materials for these gowns. French, English and German velvets, velveteens, and all the diminutives of velvet are fashioned into curious costumes, and worn upon the boulevards, turning Vanity Fair into a carnival procession.

Lady Doctors.—Nowhere was the recognition due to the eminent fitness of females as medical attendants on their own sex so long delayed as in England. At present much satisfaction is expressed in London at the care which they devote to midwifery cases, and the entire success which has crowned their efforts. Their efficiency has been well tested in the British Lying-in-Hospitals. That valuable institution has a large number of patients under its care, who, according to the old rule, were attended by paid midwives. Paid nurses, especially those who attend the poor, are not likely to be animated with the charity and professional zeal, or possessed of the skill of volunteers properly trained in the medical college. Hence the directors of the hospital accepted the offer of Dr. Edmunds, the founder of the London Female Medical College, to supply a competent corps of lady doctors who would seek no remuneration from the Hospital for their services as nurses, but would even willing to pay a handsome fee in return for their opportunity of acquiring experience. A provision was made that in case of emergency a regular physician of the Hospital should be called in. Such was the skill of these ladies, that in no case was there need of complying with the rule. All the infants have been born alive, and the mothers have progressed satisfactorily. Much opposition was made to this innovation by some of the leading medical journals, founded, among other reasons, on the idea that ladies would not toil night and day among the horrors of St. Giles', nor make themselves amenable to the necessary discipline.